

In the Specification

Amend paragraph [0051] as follows:

An inner end 66 of tubular insert piece 46 of female receiver 45 includes a pair of receiving grooves 76 sized to receive one of retention pin ends 50 securely and rotationally fixed therein, after compressing base plate 58 and coil springs 64 sufficiently to enable rotation of rod 18 and pin ends 50 sufficiently to orient pin ends 50 at the in-use 3:00 o'clock and 6:00 o'clock positions. Accordingly, coil spring 64 urges base plate 58 back into an extended position such that retention pin ends 50 (of Figs. 5-6) are securely retained within receiving grooves 76 (of Fig. 7). Accordingly, rod 18 of Fig. 4 is securely retained in an in-use position by way of the resulting quick connection ~~assembly 48~~ assembly 42.

Amend paragraph [0052] as follows:

In order to remove rod 18 from handle assembly 16, a user merely axially forces rod 18 into quick connection ~~assembly 48~~ assembly 42 to cause compression of spring 64, after which the rod is rotated such that pin ends 50 are moved to the 12:00 o'clock and 6:00 o'clock positions, respectively, for removal of rod end 44 and pin ends 50 via the longitudinal slots 52 and 54.